Kudremukh Iron Company Limited

2346. SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any improvement in the financial performance of the Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited during the year 1984-85; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited reduced its losses from Rs. 69.69 crores in 1983-84 to only Rs. 5.39 crores in 1984-85.

Effects of Communal Disturbances on Textile Industry

2347. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the effects of the recent communal riots and disturbances in Ahmedabad and other areas in Gujarat on the textile industry; and

(b) what steps are being taken to restore normal production in the affected textile mills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) and (b) No information is available regarding precise effects, if any, of the recent disturbances on the textile units in Gujarat. It is, however, reported that the recent disturbances in Gujarat have not led to the closure of any textile units in Gujarat.

Infrastructure support needed by Coal India Limited during the Seventh Plan Period

2348. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whethe the importance and extent of infrastructure support needed by the Coal India Limited during the Seventh Five Year Plan period has been outlined;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to meet these needs?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Working Group on Coal and Lignite for the Seventh Five Year Plan has estimated the infrastructure requirement for coal projects. The requirement identified are of Sand, Timber, Explosives, Cement, Iron & Steel, Equipment, Power Wagon requirement and quantities of coal to be moved by Rail and Sea.

(c) Timber, Explosives, Cement, Iron & Steel and Equipment are procured as and when requirement arise. Government is considering proposals for sanctioning sand gathering projects to meet the shortage of sand in Bharat Coking Coal Limited and Eastern Coalfield Ltd., and Captive Power Projects to meet the power shortage in BCCL, CCL and ECL.

Opening of branches of Union Bank of India in Orissa

2349. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Union Bank of India have undertaken the expansion of its branch network;

(b) if so, what is the number of branches of Union Bank of India opened in different places in Orissa so far;

(c) whether Government proposes to open some more branches of Union Bank of India in Phulbani District of Orissa in 1985-86; and

(d) if so, what are the names of the places in Phulbani District identified therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) As at the